

35. Traps

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(A) [No] A person [shall] MAY NOT trap, [or] attempt to trap, or set any steel trap, dead fall, or other device on the lands of another without the written consent of the owner[, and without, at]. AT the time of such trapping or setting of any steel trap, [or] dead fall, or any other device [whatever, he has], THE PERSON SHALL HAVE in his possession such written consent and shall exhibit it to anyone demanding to examine it[, and providing further, that any].

(B) ANY person setting or placing a steel trap on [the] SOMEONE ELSE'S lands [of another,] shall set or place [such] THE steel trap not less than [eighteen] 18 inches within the entrance of any hole, cave, opening or hollow log, on such property[,] so as to be inaccessible to any domestic animal, [dogs or fowls; and providing further, that any] DOG, OR FOWL.

(C) ANY person finding any trap, dead fall or other device used for trapping purposes[, as provided for in this section,] not set or placed as [herein] required[,] BY THIS SECTION may seize and destroy [any such] THE trap, dead fall or device [so found in violation of the provisions of this subtitle]. (P.L.L., 1930, Art. 22, sec. 186; 1957 Code, sec. 695. 1922, ch. 249, sec. 151A.)

35-2. Enforcement of law; penalty.

(A) The sheriff, [and all] deputy sheriffs, game wardens, [and] deputy game wardens, and all peace officers[,] shall enforce the provisions of this subtitle[,] and [have the right to] MAY arrest without process any person found by them in the act of violating any of the provisions of this subtitle.

(B) They may seize, without process, any and all traps, dead falls or other devices found in the possession of any person on [the] SOMEONE ELSE'S premises or lands [of another] in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, and shall take the offender before a court of competent jurisdiction.

(C) [Upon conviction the offender shall be sentenced to] ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL pay a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each offense, and upon refusal to pay any fine and costs[,] imposed by the court, the person convicted shall be confined in the county jail for a term of [one] 1 day for every dollar of the fine and costs imposed. (P.L.L., 1930, Art. 22, sec. 187; 1957 Code, sec. 696. 1922, ch. 249, sec. 151B. 1974, ch. 797, sec. 35-2.)